

## LETTER O-16 – Trails Form Letters

**O-16-1** The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment. It will be included as part of the FEIR and considered by the decision makers.

Exhibit 36 – *Preserve, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan* of the Specific Plan provides for pathways (such as the 8-foot- to 10-foot-wide multi-use path designed within the Otay Lakes Road public right-of-way) and internal pathways (located on private streets and private recreation lots), as well as a perimeter trail around the entire development footprint located within the 100' fuel modification setback as discussed on in the Specific Plan. These pathway connections will provide linkage to the future Otay Lakes Trail, which in turn could connect (on the easterly edge of the proposed Project) to the proposed California Riding and Hiking Trail extension. The California Riding and Hiking Trail is a multi-use trail that allows for hikers, equestrian riders, and mountain bikers. On the westerly edge to the Project site, improvements to Otay Lakes Road will provide another regional connection to the planned City of Chula Vista Greenbelt Trail system. Adjacent to the Project site is the Otay Valley Regional Park, and its trail system could provide linkages to future regional connections. In addition, based on potential future trail alignments illustrated in the “Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan,” the trail/pathway connections could provide trail linkages to planned eastern Otay Valley Regional Park trails and other future park amenities.

The County acknowledges and appreciates the comment; Exhibits 8 & 9 – *Circulation Plan* of the Specific Plan illustrate the segments of Otay Lakes Road that will be improved for both traffic and trail/bicycle circulation along this roadway. The Otay Lakes Roadway (westerly end) will have separate 5-foot bike lanes (each direction) and separated landscape parkway (6 -foot) with a 10-foot decomposed granite (DG) trail along the southerly edge. The Otay Lake Roadway (easterly end) will have separate 5-foot bike lanes (each direction) and a reduced landscape parkway/fencing (4-foot) with an 8-foot DG trail along the southerly edge.

The commenter notes “concerns for the impact on the environment with this plan.” These impacts have been addressed and are consistent with the information, analysis, and mitigation measures presented in the EIR. The EIR and Specific Plan references these habitats and species found onsite with appropriate mitigation measures to reduce these impacts. In response to comments on the design and layout, the Project was been revised to remove trails from the open space to reduce impacts to the preserve habitat. The existing trails and dirt roadways are on private property and signs posted to restrict public access into these sensitive habitat areas.

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The use of the existing trails/pathways/roads have been removed from the Specific Plan due to concerns raised by agencies and wildlife organization related to sensitive habitats and species found in the open spaces across the Proposed Project. County of San Diego is working with the wildlife agencies and regional stakeholders on consolidating and/or improving certain locally used trails to provided public use across conservations lands in a respectful and preserved manner.

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